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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Hospital Transmittal No. 199

Nursing Home Transmittal No. 209

December 11, 2007

TO: Hospital Administrators
Nursing Home Administrators

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

RE: Re-admission of Nursing Facility Residents on Hospital Leave After Hospitalization of Up To Fifteen Consecutive Days

The purpose of this transmittal is to make clear that a new medical eligibility review is not required, and should not be processed, prior to re-admission to a nursing facility for a Medicaid recipient on hospital leave, for periods of hospitalization of up to fifteen consecutive days. Hospitals should not submit a 3871B to KePRO upon discharge in this situation, since the recipient remains a resident of the nursing facility with an existing reimbursement level. Any additional nursing hours, therapies, or other services that may be necessary because of the resident's condition and care needs upon return to the nursing facility should be billed by the facility. These charges will be reviewed and reconciled at the next on-site quarterly assessment performed by KePRO, as the Program's utilization control agent.

Please call the Division of Long Term Care Services at (410) 767-1736 if you have any questions about these instructions.

cc: Utilization Control Agency
Maryland Hospital Association
Nursing Home Liaison Committee